



MARCH 2024

4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



Join us for 4-H Leader Training: March 23rd

Are you a new club leader? Are you interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer but not sure what it requires? Are you a veteran club leader looking for some new ideas to spice up club meetings?

Join us for our **4-H Leader Training on Saturday March 23rd from 10:30 am-12:30 pm at the Pinckney Community Public Library at 125 Putnam Street, Pinckney, MI.** This training is for Livingston and Washtenaw County 4-H volunteers and individuals interested in volunteering. This training will feature hands on activities, a mock club meeting, and information on current 4-H policies.

Register here:

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2cd5PGpEJL1Q3mC

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

Advisory Council Meeting

March 12th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office or Zoom

Small Animal Committee Meeting & Cloverbud Mentor Night

March 21st at 6 pm & 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Horse Board and Association Meeting

March 26th at 6:30 and 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H Leader Training

March 23rd at 10:30 am at Pinckney Community Public Library

4-H Photography Workshop

March 23rd at 1 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H Exploration Days Registration Opens!

March 25th at 7 pm online

4-H Cloverbud Spring Break Camp

March 25-27th at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

April Weigh In/Tagging

April 27th from 8-11 am at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

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4-H Kitchen Coordinator Needed to Open the 4-H Kitchen in 2024!



We are in search of a 4-H Kitchen coordinator for the 4-H Kitchen for the 2024 Youth Show! This position could be split into multiple people but requires someone to be on site each day to monitor the kitchen. We would especially appreciate a volunteer(s) who have a background in food service and/or ServSafe certified. Without a 4-H Kitchen Coordinator, we will be unable to open the 4-H Kitchen during the 2024 Youth Show. If you know anyone interested, please have them contact, Jenny Speyer, at speyerje@msu.edu or 734-436-1362.

The 4-H Kitchen is the only food option on the grounds during the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show and is completely volunteer run. We cannot have this food option without the help of volunteers!

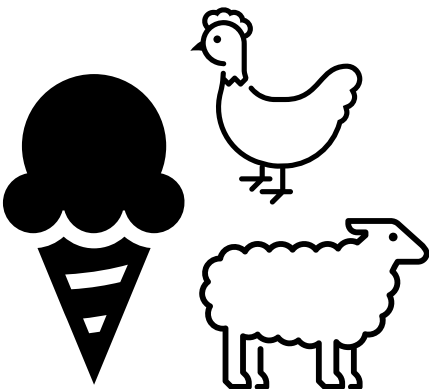
Calling All 4-H Youth and Volunteers: Advisory Council Needs YOU!

Want an opportunity to shape our Washtenaw County 4-H program? Youth and 4-H volunteers are invited to attend our next Advisory Council meeting on March 12th at 7:00 pm in person at the MSU Extension Office or on Zoom. The Advisory Council meets 5 times a year to support our 4-H program by providing financial support through their annual Christmas tree sale to our college scholarships with Service Club, our annual 4-H recognition program, and many recruitment and outreach initiatives. The Advisory Council also helps with the award selection process for our scholarships and plans and coordinates recruitment events and campaigns. This small but mighty committee can use more volunteers and youth to help in their mission.



Questions? Email Amy, harr1976@msu.edu or Jenny, speyerje@msu.edu

Join us for Cloverbud Mentor Night: March 21st at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office



Join us for Cloverbud Mentor Night when we will match mentors and mentees for the Mentorship Program! This program is a great way for teens to gain leadership skills and provides our Cloverbud age participants and Mentees that are new in a project area with experience and skills in a livestock project area. We will also have a fun ice cream social for all that come!

New to the program? We will share a short presentation about the program and provide mentors and mentees with time to get to know each other!

Questions? Please email Mandy Rogers, rogers3mandy@yahoo.com.



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4-H Photography Workshop on March 23rd from 1-3 pm

Do you have a 4-H'er interested in learning more about photography? Join the Still Projects Committee on March 23rd from 1- 3 pm at the MSU Extension Office for a Photography Workshop with the Photography judges from the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. Participants will learn how to take better photos, how to pick the best photos for Youth Show projects, and how to operate their cameras or phones to their full potential.

Register now at:

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cC6kcS2pCGMU31c



Washtenaw 4-H Dog Training Classes Start Tomorrow, March 5th



Calling all fellow dog lovers! We are excited to announce the Washtenaw County 4-H Dog Training Classes will begin tomorrow, March 5th at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office. These classes are open to all 4-H members and youth do NOT need to own a dog to participate. Please do not bring a dog to the first class. Future meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Building C. Need more information? Please contact Cristy Rice, the Dog Superintendent, at cristy_rice@yahoo.com. You can also follow the [Washtenaw 4-H Canine Adventures page](#) for more information.

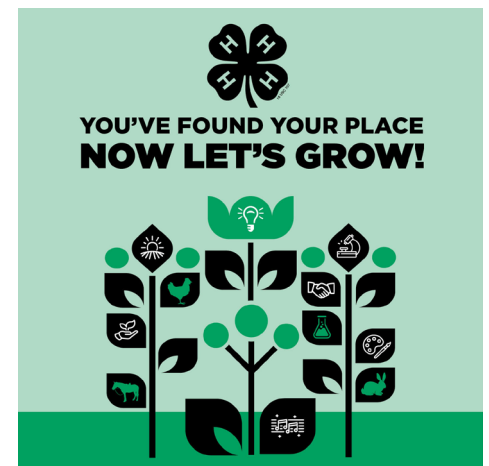
4-H Exploration Days Registration Starts March 25th at 7 pm!

4-H Exploration Days is a Michigan 4-H pre-college program for youth 12-19 years old taking place June 19-21, 2024 at Michigan State University. Youth will explore careers, meet new people, and learn new ideas.

Registration opens March 25! Washtenaw County 4-H Service Club & the 4-H Office will provide scholarships of \$50 for every youth and adult who registers for this event. **When you register, you are required to pay a \$50 deposit. 4-H staff will add your scholarship of \$50 after registration and then you can go back in to pay the balance before May 25th. Make sure not to pay more than \$170 total for youth and \$80 total for chaperones when you register.**

Questions? Email Jenny Speyer at speyerje@msu.edu or call 734-436-1362.

Learn more at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/





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Project RED Volunteer Needed for April 23-25th



Project RED (Rural Education Days) will again be held from Tuesday April 23 to Thursday, April 25th at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Set up will take place on the afternoon/evening of April 22nd. The Washtenaw County MSU Extension 4-H Program, the Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee and the Washtenaw Farm Council sponsor this program filled with educational experiences for 3rd grade students. Volunteers are needed for animal exhibits, group leaders, commodity displays, and other educational exhibits. Thousands of 3rd graders across the county enjoy this event each year, and it takes many hands to pull the event together. Don't miss out on a chance to help with this wonderful community event!

Sign up now at: <https://forms.gle/5oEHtihAcQruZ2p49>

Junior Livestock Committee Hoof Trimming Clinic on April 20th

The Junior Livestock Committee will be sponsoring a hoof trimming clinic, April 20th at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds. For those of you who took the survey, thank you for signing up. We will be working with the hoof trimmer to schedule appointments; watch your emails for your time slots. Cost per head is \$30.00, which is payable directly to the hoof trimmer at the end of your appointment. For those of you who might have missed the survey deadline but are still interested in getting your cattle's hoofs trimmed, please contact Kathy Grau direct at kgrau3437@aol.com or 734-353-0350. Youth will be added to the schedule.



Science, Animals, and Arts 4-H Club Activities at Domino's Petting Farm



The Science, Animals and Arts 4-H club members each designed a placemat which are all being donated to Meals On Wheels. After cooking as a group in January, they each brought home a placemat which they decorated with uplifting words and drawings. Great job 4-H club members! This club meets the Domino's Petting Farm in Ann Arbor. If you know someone interested in joining, please contact the club leaders, Cheri Harteg, cheriharteg@hotmail.com, and Susan Long, slongdds@gmail.com.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Weigh In and Tagging on April 27th from 8-11 AM

Weigh in and tagging for feeders, market goats, sheep, and swine to be exhibited at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show will be held on April 27th from 8 am – 11 am at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Questions? Contact Amy Harris.



Here are a few reminders about weigh-in/tagging rules:

- ALL cattle must have an RFID tag in their ear before they are transported. If you don't have the ability to tag the animal at home, please bring the RFID tag and tagger with you and we will get it in the ear at tagging.
- Animals MUST be tagged in at the spring weigh-in in order to be shown at the 4-H Youth Show.
- Exhibitors are allowed to tag in up to 4 animals, but can only exhibit 2 at the Youth Show
- All males must be castrated before tagging
- All sheep and goats must have a Scrapies tag or tattoo in order to exhibit at the 4-H Youth Show
- Exhibitors wishing to exhibit in the commercial lamb class must provide a receipt of purchase at weigh in that is within the current market range for feeder lambs for market.
- Lambs cannot exceed 110 pounds at the spring weigh-in
- All market hogs must be tagged at the spring weigh-in, but they will NOT be weighed. Hogs are not allowed to leave the trailer.

Swine Tagging Information for Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Participants

All Swine being shown at exhibitions, including fairs, jackpot shows and other events are required by state law to have an official ID in place. **As the exhibitor you are responsible for having the correct ID.**

The official ID types are as follows: 840 tags or Premise Identification Number or PIN tags.

To obtain official identification: Obtain a Premise Identification Number (PIN) of the farm premises where the pigs are housed. Call MDARD at 888-565-8626.

Purchase official ID tags from the following locations (must provide PIN upon purchase)

United Producers, INC
9534 Chelsea -Manchester Rd.
Manchester, MI 48158
734-428-8352

Napoleon Livestock Commission Company
6810 W Brooklyn Rd.
Napoleon, MI 49261
517-536-4201

Or visit: <https://www.valleyvet.com/c/livestock-supplies/ear-tags/usda-840.html>

[Allflex Small Swine - Official '840' Tag - CentralStar Cooperative, Inc. \(mycentralstar.com\)](http://www.centralstar.com)

840 Tags

(This is one example. See next page for more)



PIN Tags





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4-H Robotics is out of this world with the University of Michigan Mars Rover Team Leaders

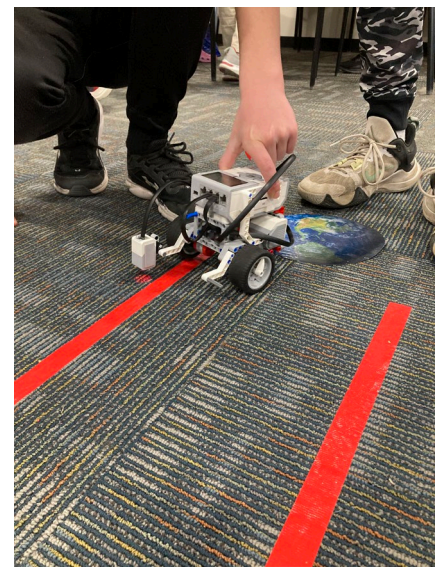
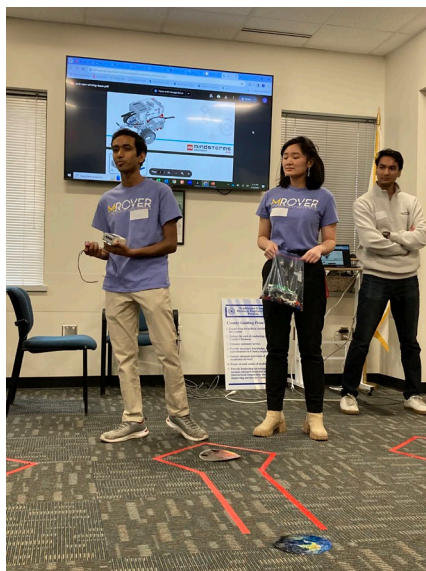


On February 10th, Washtenaw County 4-H hosted a 4-H Robotics Workshop with the help of the University of Michigan Mars Rover Team Leaders for 27 youth in 3rd-8th grade. The Michigan Mars Rover Team (MRover) is a student-run, multidisciplinary organization whose mission is to design and build a rover for the exploration of extraterrestrial environments. This team strives to inspire and educate students about space, Mars exploration, and engineering, and focus on helping students grow as engineers.

This program was a huge success and many of the youth were asking how they could utilize robotics in the future from our 4-H office or enter them into our Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show.

MRover Team Leaders Swaraj Kokatam, Lena Trang, and Prashant Saxena brought their passion and inspiration for engineering as they paired youth into 9 teams and led them thru an out of this world LEGO RoverBot mission during the workshop. The program they designed allowed the youth to build a robot, practice coding it to orbit around a photo of Mars on red tape, and also allowed the more advanced groups to work on speeding up their robot.

Not only was this event a success for the Washtenaw County 4-H Office, this was the MRover teams first K12 Outreach event ever. We hope to continue this partnership in the future and run more 4-H Robotics programs for youth in Washtenaw County.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Open



Apply now for the 2025 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth ages 15-19. The deadline to apply is April 1. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/application/>.

March 3-May 4: JOANN 4-H Campaign

Stores across Michigan

While visiting your local JOANN store, you can support 4-H by adding a donation or rounding up at checkout. The funds donated will support the 4-H program with 50% going back to local 4-H programming and 10% supporting Michigan 4-H.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign

March 12: 4-H Give Green Day

Online

Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Give Green Day to support learning experiences for Michigan 4-H youth.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 16: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest

East Lansing

Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-hippology-contest-2024

March 18: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Group Management For 4-H Clubs and Groups

Online

Learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups7pm

March 19: Keeping Your Money Safe

Online

Join this session to gain insights on researching and evaluating financial institutions (banks and credit unions) to make the best choice for your financial future.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/safemoney

April 28: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Comerica Park, Detroit

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals with other 4-H'ers! Michigan 4-H will be the Group Charity of the Game; discounted tickets available with a portion benefitting 4-H.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers





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Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 28 - August 3 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

Campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn to fillet their catch.



Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.

4-H Exploration Days registration coming soon!

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H's largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! This exciting event is open to any Michigan youth ages 12 –19 as of Jan. 1.

4-H Exploration Days, scheduled for June 19-21, is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions.

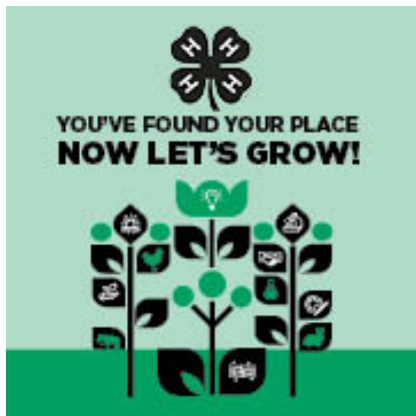
With more than 100 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. As youth gain important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication, they'll also have time for fun with free time activities such as skating, basketball and a dance.

Registration for 4-H Exploration Days will open March 25. The cost for the 2024 event is \$220. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for additional information regarding county sign-ups and scholarships or visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days.

Open your home to a student with the 4-H International Exchange Program!

Making your summer plans? Consider hosting a Japanese youth this summer through the States' 4-H International Exchange Program! Michigan will be hosting 18 Japanese youth and two chaperones. These visitors will quickly become a part of your family for their 3 ½ week stay (the last full week of July to the middle of August) and gain a fun American experience through your exceptional hospitality. In addition, your children will build lifelong friendships and gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

Host families must complete the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application, have a youth to match a host brother/sister (within three years of age), be a Michigan 4-H Gold-level volunteer, participate in a family interview as well as a home visit process. For more information contact Jan Brinn at brinn@msu.edu or John Wurm at wurmj@msu.edu.





MSU Extension Child and Family Development

MSU Extension has a wide range of free online classes for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and early childhood professionals.

Extension Extra's Parenting Hour

These free online parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting. Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30PM EST as follows:

Class dates:

- 3/05/2024: Reducing Challenging Behaviors in Toddlers
- 3/12/2024: Talking With Kids About Race
- 3/19/2024: Screen Time for Children
- 3/26/2024: Supporting Children Through Grief and Loss (Guest Expert)

Registration:

https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_viGxTEIqSdKY2cEX2EhVbQ

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu



Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting

Are you wondering how to gain greater cooperation from your children? Struggling with chores or routines? Not sure how to handle discipline issues? Join us for this five week parenting education series for parents with children of all ages will explore developing routines, emotional control, rules and relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent. Certificates of attendance are available.

Class dates/times: Mondays, March 18, March 25, April 1, 8, 15 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm EST

Registration: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0VpZf3ks77yZZGu

For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, aldric82@msu.edu

Kinship Caregiver Classes

Kinship Caregiver classes are targeted to relatives caring for another relative's children.

Class date: 3/13/2024: RELAX: Alternative to Anger for Parents and Caregivers

Class Time: 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_msxyZuH0QeS9MsKaD_y7Tg

For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, aldric82@msu.edu





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Early Childhood Professional Development Classes

These free online classes provide professional development training hours for early childhood professionals. Credit in the MiRegistry system is available.

Title: The Importance of Outdoor Play

Class Date/Time: March 21st, 2024 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aLmFlhzS SdyvnyO_BUI-Mg

Title: Essential Skills for Learning and Life

Class Date/Time: March 22nd, 2024 from 1:00PM to 2:30PM

Registration:
https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IEMoyn5NRxmro-PH5DnAxw

For more information contact Vivian Washington at washi138@msu.edu



Online Self-Paced Classes

These free online classes can be completed on your own at your own pace.

Positive Discipline

Helping young children learn self-control is important to their ability to be successful citizens now and in the future. Positive Discipline workshops help adults learn how their role in creating appropriate environments and experiences can strengthen that development. This class has a “parent and caregiver” track and a “professional” track. Certificates of attendance are available for all who take the class and professional development training hours are available for early childhood professionals. Credit in the MiRegistry system is available.

Registration: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/positive-discipline-online-course>

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

Infant Safety

MSU Extension has partnered with the Livingston County Child Abuse Prevention Council to create a self-directed online infant safety course called “Sleeping, Crying, Driving.” This three part course contains videos and interactive content on infant safe sleep, how to handle extended infant crying and guidelines for transporting your child safely. A certificate of completion is available for those who need proof of attendance.

Registration: https://www.canr.msu.edu/early_childhood_development/infant-safety/

MI Parenting Resource

This free, online program is meant to support caregivers across the state in strengthening their parent-child relationships and gaining new tools for enhancing positive child behaviors.

Registration: <https://miparentingresource.org/>

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu